

Warren County Early Childhood Committee

Minutes/Notes

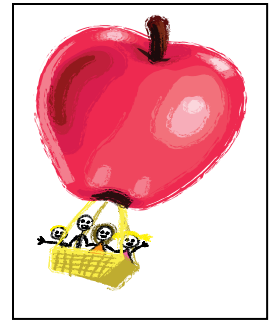
April 1, 2015

10:00 A.M.

515 North Jefferson Way

Wells Fargo Building

Indianola, Iowa 50125



Attendance

Janelle Peiffer, Val Cameron, Myra Williams, Michelle Greenough, Veronica McVay, Colleen Reisener, Bonnie Forsythe, Jovanka Westbrook, Liz Young, Nanette Schroeder, Shelly Jensen, Kim Post, Kim Kirkpatrick, and Debra Schrader.

Legislation

There is SF368 that has been proposed for ECI to eliminate the funding categories for school ready funds allocated to ECI. There is conflicting information that has been provided to legislators regarding the need for flexibility. The state ECI office has indicated they are not aware of any ECI area struggling with the categorical stipulations. This is contradictory to the state strategic plan.

Blockfest

The Blockfest has been scheduled for April 18, 2015 with 2 sessions starting at 10:00-11:00 and then again from 1:00-2:00 at the Catholic Church in Winterset. A trial run through was conducted March

4 R Kids Board

- The Board has released a 3 year funding RFP and it will be due April 20, 2015.
- Bob Ockerman has been reappointed for a second term to the state ECI Board and Shaun Taylor Ward of Waukee has been appointed for her first term.
- The 4 R Kids website has some new updates, each county has its own page for resources.

Toddlerfest

The Warren County Toddlerfest was March 21, 2015 from 9:00-11:30 at the Carlisle Middle School. There were 103 in attendance. The committee had discussion regarding whether this was a good time to have the event due to it being spring break and it was consensus that it worked well and that the event targeted the right population. The next Toddlerfest will be in Carlisle for FY2016.

Head Start

Head Start hours will change slightly they will be from 8:15-11:45 and 12:15 - 3:35 starting in the fall.

Child Abuse Prevention

The Warren County Child Abuse Prevention Council is doing several awareness activities in April. They will do the Hy-Vee grocery bags again this year along with many other activities. The pinwheels have been ordered but are held up in customs and may not make it to PCA councils in April.

1st Five

1st Five will have an open house April 21 at 12:00 at the Indianola Library and another meeting April 28.

Vision Screenings

Free vision screenings will be offered at Wee Care April 7 from 8:30-3:00 for children 6 month to 48 months. Information on preschool scholarships will also be available.

Child Care Training

Extension has organized a Block workshop child care training April 18 from 9-4. The training filled up in 3 hours and there is a waiting list.

Support Group Document

The group reviewed the support group document tool, minor changes were made and then it will be posted on the website.

It was suggested to have the health coach/care coordinator from Mercy attend a meeting and to have Unity Point attend again the future.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10. Next meeting is May 6, 2015.

If you would like to be on the distribution list of community partners who receive regular updates regarding early childhood happenings, contact Debra Schrader at 4rkidseci@gmail.com